

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 3739
<b>Albert K. Chin</b>	)	
	)	Examiner: Smith, Philip Robert
Serial No.: 10/696,381	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 8269
Filed: October 28, 2003	)	
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For: LONGITUDINAL DILATOR	)	
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2009, Applicant hereby respectfully submits the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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